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Frank G. Cousins, Jr., Sheriff
Essex County Correctional Alternative Center
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01929

Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, Lawrence

Dear Sheriff Cousins:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, as well as Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities; 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII); 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X); the 1999 Food Code; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; I conducted an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on October 29, 2013 accompanied by Sergeant Dennis Laubner and Deputy Kathy Lawrence. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Main Building

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Control Room

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Nurse's Office

No Violations Noted

Nurse's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

<i>Shift Commander's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Parole Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Parole Office Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Hallway</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Break Room</i> FC 4-602.12(B)	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty
Second Floor Lobby 105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
<i>Superintendent's Office</i> FC 4-204.112(A)*	Design and Construction, Functionality: No functioning thermometer in refrigerator
<i>Male Staff Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
<i>Female Staff Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
South Side 1st Floor	
<i>Work Release Waiting Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Work Release Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Records Office</i> FC 4-602.12(B)*	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty
<i>Female Staff Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
<i>Male Staff Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.123* 105 CMR 451.123 105 CMR 451.123 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound Maintenance: Ceiling damaged Maintenance: Ceiling tile missing Maintenance: Soap dispenser broken
<i>Office</i>	Locked – Unable to Inspect
<i>Blanket Storage Closet</i>	No Violations Noted

Intake Area

No Violations Noted

Urine Lab

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Light fixture water stained

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Dead insects observed in light fixture

Shake Down Rooms

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor paint damaged in both rooms

South Side 2nd Floor

Hallway

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screen missing

S201

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screen missing

S202

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen missing

S203

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Window broken

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screens missing

S204

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screen damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, wall paint damaged

S205

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

S206

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screen missing

S207

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

S208

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

S209

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

S210

105 CMR 451.331*
105 CMR 451.350*
105 CMR 451.353*
105 CMR 451.141*

Radiators and Heating Pipes: Wall pipes not properly insulated
Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged
Screens: Screens missing

South Side 3rd Floor

Hallway

105 CMR 451.350*
105 CMR 451.141*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
Screens: Screens missing

Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

Temporary Property Storage

No Violations Noted

Investigator's Office

No Violations Noted

Property Room

Locked – Unable to Inspect

Hallway

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens missing

S301

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

S302

No Violations Noted

S303

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

S304

105 CMR 451.350*
105 CMR 451.141

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
Screens: Screen missing

S305

105 CMR 451.331*
105 CMR 451.350*
105 CMR 451.350*
105 CMR 451.350*
105 CMR 451.353*

Radiators and Heating Pipes: Pipes not properly insulated
Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
Structural Maintenance: Plaster loose from wall
Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged
Interior Maintenance: Wall unfinished, left in a work-person like fashion

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
Maintenance: Sink leaking
Maintenance: Screen missing

North Side 1st Floor

Dining Room

FC 4-601.11(C)*	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Vending machine drawers dirty
FC 6-501.12(A)	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, debris behind vending machine
FC 6-202.15(A)(2)*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Windows not weathertight and structurally sound
FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b)	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Mold growth observed on interior surfaces of ice machine
FC 4-501.11(A)	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, serving line steam table well damaged

Dish Room

FC 6-202.15(A)(2)*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Windows not weathertight and structurally sound
FC 6-501.11*	Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, light shield damaged
FC 6-501.12(A)*	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, wall dirty behind mechanical warewashing machine
FC 6-501.11*	Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, wall damaged near window opening to dining room
FC 6-501.11*	Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, wall damaged near handwash sink
FC 6-501.11*	Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, ceiling paint peeling

Women's Bathroom

FC 6-202.15(A)(2)*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Windows not weathertight and structurally sound
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Visitor's Bathroom

FC 6-202.15(A)(2)*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Windows not weathertight and structurally sound
FC 6-501.111(B)*	Maintenance and Operations; Pest Control: Dead insects observed in light shields
FC 6-501.11	Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, ceiling tile damaged

Kitchen

FC 3-305.11(A)(2)*	Preventing Contamination from Premises: Food exposed to dust, vent fan dirty
FC 6-201.11*	Design, Construction and Installation: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged
FC 6-202.15(A)(2)*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Windows not weathertight and structurally sound
FC 6-202.15(D)(1)*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Vent fan louvers not closing properly when vent fan is off

Food Prep Refrigerator

No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

<i>Handwash Sink</i> FC 5-205.15(B)	Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, pipe leaking under sink
<i>2-Compartment Sink Area</i> FC 5-203.14* FC 6-501.12(A)* FC 6-501.11	Plumbing System, Design: Spray hose below flood rim on spray sink Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, wall and wall ledge dirty behind and under sink Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, wall damaged under sink
<i>Storage Rack</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Prep Table</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Hood and Oven Area</i> FC 6-501.12(A)	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, debris behind ovens
<i>Back Hallway</i> FC 6-501.11	Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, floor damaged
<i>F2</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>F1</i> FC 4-501.11(A)*	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, freezer unit not functioning properly, ice build-up on ceiling
<i>Walk-In 1</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Loading Dock</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Cage</i> FC 6-501.12(A)* FC 6-501.11 FC 6-202.11(A) FC 6-501.11	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, vent fan dirty Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, light not secure Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Light bulbs not shatter-resistant or protected by light shields Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, ceiling damaged
<i>Dry Storage Room</i> FC 6-501.111(B)*	Maintenance and Operations; Pest Control: Rodent droppings observed on window sill and floor
North Side 2nd Floor	
<i>Hallway</i> 105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

Storage Room

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

N201

105 CMR 451.331*

Radiators and Heating Pipes: Pipes not properly insulated

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

N202

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

N203

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

N204

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens missing

N205

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

N206

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

N207

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, wall paint damaged

N208

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

105 CMR 451.344*

Illumination in Habitable Areas: One light fixture not functioning properly, light out

N209

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, wall paint damaged

N210

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Three light shields missing

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens damaged

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens missing

105 CMR 451.331*

Radiators and Heating Pipes: Pipes not properly insulated

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, wall paint damaged

North Side 3rd Floor

Hallway

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screens missing

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, wall paint damaged

<i>N301</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Ceiling cracked
<i>N302</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged
<i>N303</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Ceiling not easily cleanable, ceiling damaged
105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Wall not easily cleanable, wall damaged
<i>N304</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall not in good repair, wall paint damaged
<i>N305</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
105 CMR 451.141	Screens: Screens missing
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, wall paint peeling
<i>N306</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
<i>N307</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
105 CMR 451.141	Screens: Screen damaged
<i>N308</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
105 CMR 451.141*	Screens: Screens missing
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Radiator pipes leaking
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged
<i>Bathroom</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound
105 CMR 451.141*	Screens: Screen missing
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wood damaged near sink panel
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Faucet control missing
Basement	
<i>Laundry</i>	
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor not maintained in good repair, floor paint damaged
<i>Tunnel near Laundry</i>	
105 CMR 451.331	Radiators and Heating Pipes: Pipes not properly insulated, insulation damaged
105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, ceiling pipe leaking
<i>Maintenance Area</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottles
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged, open ceiling in washer area
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Vent fan not opening properly when fan is on
105 CMR 451.361*	Extermination: Extermination conducted in an unsafe manner, open hanging fly trap

<i>Sprinkler Room</i>	
105 CMR 451.331	Radiators and Heating Pipes: Pipes insulation damaged
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light shields missing
105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Ceiling not easily cleanable, ceiling damaged
<i>Maintenance Cage</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Sewing Room</i>	
105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Ceiling not easily cleanable, ceiling damaged
105 CMR 451.331	Radiators and Heating Pipes: Pipes not properly insulated, insulation damaged
<i>Chemical Room</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles not installed properly
<i>Supply Office</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Classroom</i>	
	Unable to Inspect – Occupied
<i>Main Bathroom and Shower</i>	Unable to Inspect Shower – Occupied
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floors dirty in all toilet stalls, cigarette ash and toilet paper
<i>Slop Sink Closet</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Re-entry Office</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Re-entry Dorm Room</i>	
105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room
<i>Re-entry Bathroom and Shower</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Standing water observed on shower room floor
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold like substance observed in shower room
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall tiles damaged in shower room
<i>Officer's Weight Room</i>	
105 CMR 451.344*	Illumination in Habitable Areas: Inadequate lighting, several light fixtures not functioning properly
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Ceiling open and water damaged
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Ceiling leaking
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Standing water observed on floor near ceiling leak
105 CMR 451.331*	Radiators and Heating Pipes: Pipes not properly insulated
<i>Female Staff Locker Room</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Male Staff Locker Room</i>	
	No Violations Noted

<i>Gym</i>	
105 CMR 451.344*	Illumination in Habitable Areas: Inadequate lighting, several light fixtures not functioning properly
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Several light shields missing and loose
<i>Bathroom 105</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Light shield missing
105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet leaking
105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 79 ⁰ F
<i>Bathroom 106</i>	
105 CMR 451.126*	Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 79 ⁰ F
<i>Barber Shop</i>	
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Several ceiling tiles missing
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing
<i>Car Wash Garage</i>	
105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight

Back Building

TV and Common Area

No Violations Noted

Dorm 1

105 CMR 451.344 Illumination in Habitable Areas: One light fixture not functioning properly

Dorm 2

No Violations Noted

Dorm 3

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

Dorm 4

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Ceiling tile damaged

Dorm 5

No Violations Noted

Dorm 6

No Violations Noted

Classroom

No Violations Noted

TV and Common Area (Back Area)

105 CMR 451.350* Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Vent cover missing in shower area

Annex Building

First Floor

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Exterior door not rodent and weathertight

Dorm 1

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens damaged

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, wall paint damaged

Dorm 2

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens not installed properly

105 CMR 451.344*

Illumination in Habitable Areas: Inadequate lighting, one light fixture not functioning properly

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling fans dirty

105 CMR 451.344*

Illumination in Habitable Areas: One light fixture not functioning properly, light out

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screen damaged

Visiting Room

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens missing

Visitor's Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap dispenser broken

Second Floor

Dorm 3

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens damaged

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

Dorm 4

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens damaged

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screens missing

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Windows not weathertight or structurally sound

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Light shields damaged

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Window broken

Basement

Counselor's Office

FC 4-204.112(A)*

Design and Construction, Functionality: No functioning thermometer in top refrigerator

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shields missing

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower room

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head missing on shower # 11

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Shower # 11 leaking

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Sink # 1 not working

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate count was 350 at the time of inspection.
2. The labeling system of the spray bottles is unclear as to what contents the bottle holds in the Maintenance Area in the Basement of the Main Building. The Department recommends creating a clear labeling system e.g. Sanitizer/Window Cleaner that more easily identifies what contents each bottle holds.
3. During the inspection, it was indicated that there was a waiver in place with the Department for the gang showers throughout the facility. The Department would appreciate receiving a copy of said waiver.

This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please indicate next to each entry on the inspection report a plan of correction. Said plan of correction must be submitted within ten working days of receiving this report and should detail the specific steps that will be taken and the date of expected compliance. The plan of correction should be submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

To review the Food Establishment regulations please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Regulations". Then under "Retail" click "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments" and "1999 Food Code".

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,



Marian Robertson

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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